

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #66-11 Building Date: 1908, 1912
Building Name: Harrison Store and Dwelling (Trolley Stop Shop)
Location: 4624 and 4622 College Avenue, College Park, Maryland

Private/Commercial-Residence/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description:

The Trolley Stop Shop complex stands in the town of College Park, bounded on two sides by a white picket fence. The two buildings form one large L-shaped structure, with its main elevation facing south on College Avenue. The westerly structure is a two-and-one-half-story side-gabled, frame residential structure, three bays by three bays, with three gable-roofed dormers on the south facade. The windows are 6/6, and there is a central entrance with a one-bay gable-roofed porch. This building houses three apartments. Attached to the east gable end of this westerly building is a two-story, front-gable commercial building, three bays by five bays, with a one-story shed-roofed addition across the north gable end. The south gable end has a central entrance and a one-story, hip-roofed porch, now enclosed to form show windows. Like the westerly building, this structure is sided with white asbestos shingle and has gray louvered shutters and an asphalt shingle roof. This building now houses an art supply shop.

Significance:

The Trolley Stop Shop complex consists of two attached buildings which have served a variety of purposes and have been much altered over the years. The westerly building, once a post office now serves as an apartment building; the easterly building, once a grocery store, is now an art supply shop. College Park was platted in 1889 by Johnson and Curriden, and homes were built on the new lots, for the most part by people associated with the Maryland Agricultural College. In 1908, Wirt Harrison purchased lot #8 (the easterly of the two subject lots) and built on it a front-gabled grocery store which he operated until the eve of World War II. In 1912 Harrison purchased the adjoining lot #7, and constructed on it a one-story building which he leased to the U.S. Government as a post office. The post office operated in this location until the mid 1930's, soon after which Harrison raised and enlarged the building and converted it into apartments for University students. Just before the Second World War, Harrison closed his grocery store; since that time, the easterly structure has been the location of a variety of businesses; its original front porch has been enclosed to serve as a show window. The two buildings are an attractive part of the College Park community, but are considerably altered and have the appearance of modern buildings.

Acreage: 15,000 sq. ft.

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Harrison Store and Dwelling

and/or common Trolley Stop Shop (Art and Design Supplies)

2. Location

street & number 4622 and 4624 College Avenue ☐ not for publicationcity, town College Park ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Florence Harrison Johnson

street & number 3903 Calverton Drive telephone no.: 277-4608

city, town Hyattsville state and zip code MD. 20782

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4060

street & number Main Street folio 962

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #66-11

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Trolley Stop Shop complex stands on two lots in the town of College Park, bounded on two sides by a white picket fence. These two buildings are attached, but numbered separately (4622 and 4624 College Avenue); they form one large L-shaped structure, with its main elevation facing south on College Avenue, in a residential neighborhood composed largely of University of Maryland rental buildings. The westerly structure is at 4622 College Avenue, a two-and-one-half-story side-gabled, frame residential structure, three bays by three bays, with three gable-roofed dormers on the south (main) facade. The windows are 6/6 with gray louvered shutters, and there is a central entrance with a one-bay gable-roofed porch, supported by wrought-iron posts. The building is covered with white asbestos shingle, and has an asphalt shingle roof. There is a one-story porch with parapetted balcony centered in the west gable end, from which there are entrances into the building on both the first and second stories. There is a one-story, four-bay, shed-roofed addition across the rear (north) of the building, with entrances into both the first and second stories. This building houses three apartments.

Attached to the east gable end of this westerly building is 4624 College Avenue, a two-story, front-gable commercial building, three bays by five bays, with a one-story shed-roofed addition across the rear (north) gable end. The south (principal) gable end has a one-story, hip-roofed porch, now enclosed to form show windows. There is a central entrance between the two large storefront windows. On the east facade, an exterior stairway leads to a second floor entrance in the second bay. Like the westerly building, this structure is sided with white asbestos shingle and has gray louvered shutters and an asphalt shingle roof.

This building now houses an art supply shop; there is an apartment on the second story.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
| | | | local history |

| Specific dates | Builder/Architect |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1908-1912 | |
| check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D | |
| and/or | |
| Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G | |
| Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Trolley Stop Shop complex consists of two attached buildings which have served a variety of purposes and have been much altered over the years. The westerly building, once a post office and now completely rebuilt, now serves as an apartment building. The easterly building, once a grocery store, is now a print shop.

College Park was platted in 1889 by Johnson and Curriden¹, and homes began to be built on the new lots, for the most part by people associated with the Maryland Agricultural College. At the turn of the century the trolley line was extended out of Washington along the right-of-way which is now Rhode Island Avenue, opening up new business opportunities in the College Park Community. In 1908, a businessman named Wirt Harrison purchased lot #8 (the easterly of the two subject lots) and built on it a front-gabled grocery store which he operated until the eve of World War II.² In 1912 Harrison purchased the adjoining lot #7, and constructed on it a small one-story building which he leased to the U.S. Government as a post office facility.³ The post office operated in this location until the mid 1930's, soon after which Harrison raised and enlarged the building and converted it into apartments for University students. Just before the entrance of the United States into the Second World War, Harrison closed his grocery store in the adjoining building, and rented it to another group which continued the grocery business on the premises. Since that time, the easterly (commercial) structure has been the location of a variety of businesses. The original front porch has been enclosed to serve as a show window. The building now houses art and design supplies on the first story and an apartment above. The westerly building still houses three apartments.⁴ The two buildings are an attractive part of the College Park community, but are altered considerably from their original plans, and have the appearance of modern buildings.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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cf. Chain of Title
cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 15,000 sq. ft., part of lots 7&8, Block 16, TM 33
Quadrangle name Washington East Section B

Quadrangle name Washington East, Section B

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

| | Zone | Easting | Northing |
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian

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| organization | Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission | date | July 1985 |
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street & number c/o County Planning Div., M-NCPPC **telephone** 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro, **state** MD. 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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8. Continued

Notes

- 1 Plat JWB #5:478.
- 2 Prince George's County Deed #47:478.
- 3 Prince George's County Deed #83:366.
- 4 Conversation with owner, July 1985.

Chain of Title

College Park Shop P.G. #66-11

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| #4060:962 6 Apr 1972 Deed | Florence Johnson, personal representative of estate of Dora Harrison (#20378) to Florence H. Johnson, parts of College Park including decedent's one-third interest in the the southerly 150 feet of Lots #7 and #8 in Block #16 of "Johnson's and Curriden's Subdivision of College Park as per plat in JWB #5:478. |
| GSMcG #8:780 14 Sept 1970 Will | Testator, Dora M. Harrison; to daughter Florence Harrison Johnson, her one-third interest in southerly 150 feet of lots #7 and 8 Block 16, Johnson's and Curriden's Subdivision of College Park. |
| #9365 1949 Administration | Wirt Harrison died intestate 1949, leaving widow Dora M. Harrison; real estate includes lots #7 & 8, block 16, College Park, lots appraised at \$3,500, improvements at \$11,500. |
| #83:366 1 Aug 1912 Deed | H.M. Simmons to Wirt Harrison, lot 7 block 16 of Johnson's and Curriden's subdivision of College Park. |
| #47:478 4 Sept 1908 Deed | Ida Bunch to Wirt Harrison for \$250, lot #8 in Block 16 at College Station, as per plat JWB #5:478. |

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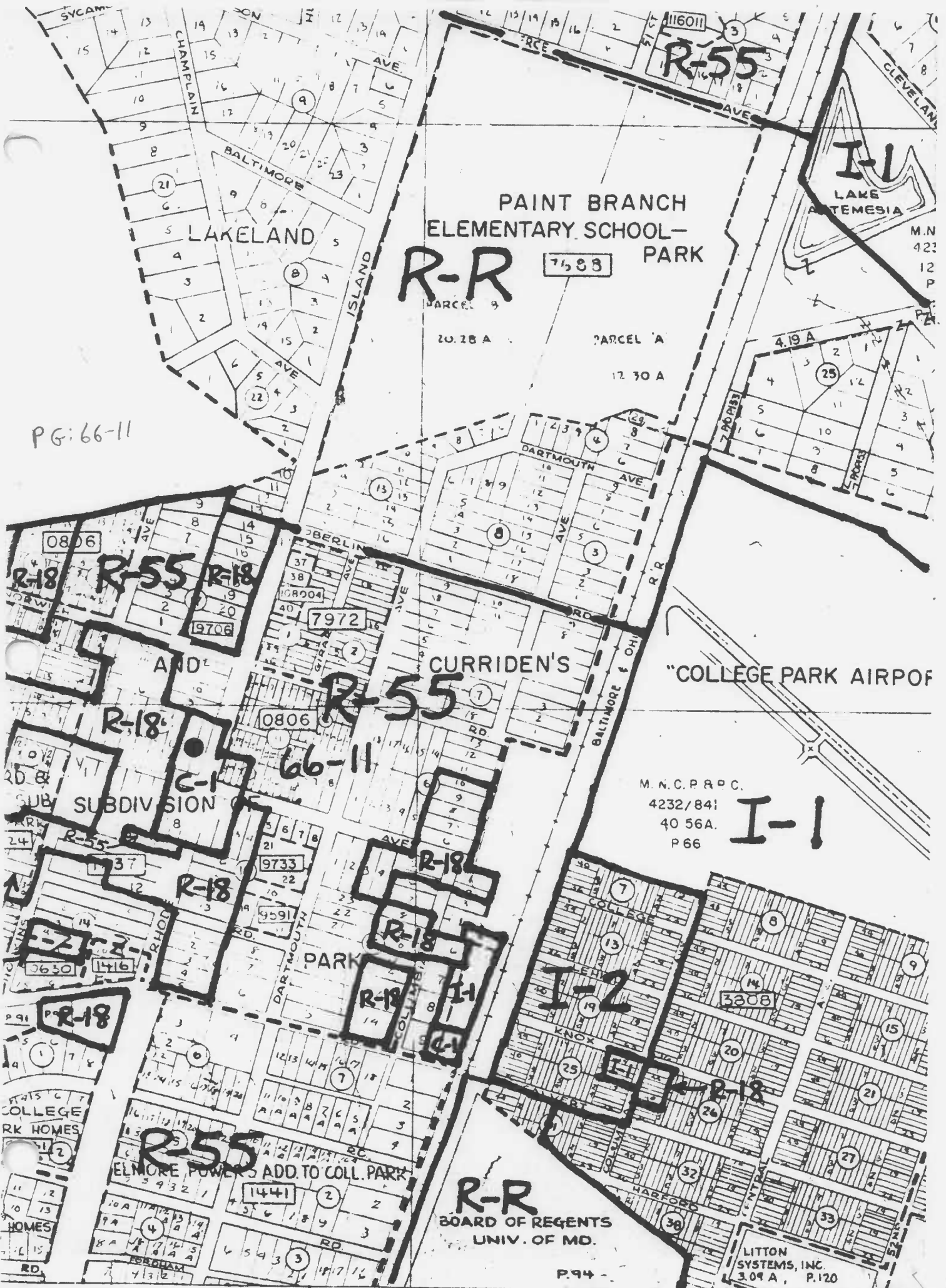
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P.G. #66-11

Harrison Store (Trolley Stop Shop)

Prince George's County, MD.

Lois Snyderman

May 1985

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Harrison Store (Trolley Stop Shop)

Prince George's County, MD

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May 1985

Southwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Harrison Store (Trolley Stop Shop)

Prince George's County, MD

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May 1985

South Elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Harrison Store (Trolley Stop Shop)

Prince George's County, MD.

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May 1985

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.